

hospitals (e.g., heart, orthopedic, or maternity hospitals), and arrangements in which a high revenue generating unit or service (e.g., cardiology or cardiac surgery) of an existing hospital is restructured and legally incorporated as a separate hospital.

Typically, these point ventures are marketed only to physicians in a position to refer patients to the facility, and they are structured to take advantage of a loophole in the Medicare physician self-referral law permitting physician investments in "whole hospitals".

Mr. Speaker, the development of specialty hospitals is of great concern because they deprive full-scale hospitals of their most profitable business, leaving those existing hospitals much worse off financially. The investors in these joint ventures and specialty hospitals skim the profits of full-scale hospitals, leaving them to struggle financially. Then the hospitals must look to Medicare and to their local communities to help them financially—and all because these joint ventures are skimming high profits for their investors, including physicians.

Mr. Speaker, these situations not only harm hospitals, they violate the spirit of Medicare self-referral laws. Lawyers have found a loophole in the self-referral laws, and physicians are taking advantage of it.

Today, Rep. KLECZKA and I are joining together to introduce the Hospital Investment Act of 2001 to close the loophole. Our bill would continue to permit physician ownership in these joint ventures and specialty hospitals only if the ownership or investment interest is purchased on terms that are generally available to the public at the time. This amendment would not prohibit physicians from purchasing shares to stock, but it would make sure that such stock purchases are not the result of a sweetheart deal available only to physicians, but set up in a way to skirt the law. My amendment would make it harder for hospitals and physicians to skim profits from hospitals leaving the hospitals worse off financially.

Mr. Speaker, it is time to close this loophole in the Medicare physician self-referral laws, and I urge my colleagues to support it.

TRIBUTE TO 2001 LeGRAND SMITH SCHOLARSHIP FINALISTS

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 12, 2001

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, it is a sincere pleasure to recognize the finalists of the 2001 LeGrand Smith Scholarship Program. This special honor is an appropriate tribute to the academic accomplishment, demonstration of leadership and responsibility, and commitment to social involvement displayed by these remarkable young adults. We all have reason to celebrate their success, for it is in their promising and capable hands that our future rests:

Nicole Albain of Deerfield, Michigan
Laura Banks of Adrian, Michigan
Zoe Bliss of Jackson, Michigan
Jonathan Chapman of East Leroy, Michigan
Bethany Decker of Adrian, Michigan
Elizabeth Flack of Jackson, Michigan

Benjamin Green of Morenci, Michigan
RaeAnn Herman of Manitou, Michigan
Alexander Kennedy of Adrian, Michigan
Chelsey McConn of Bronson, Michigan
Ingrid Meye of Pittsford, Michigan
Martin Muntz of Manchester, Michigan
Rebekah Preston of Quincy, Michigan
Lisa Sellers of Battle Creek, Michigan
Kristen Taddonio of Manchester, Michigan
Bethany Wheeler of Morenci, Michigan

The finalists of the LeGrand Smith Congressional Scholarship Program are being honored for showing that same generosity of spirit, depth of intelligence, and capacity for human service that distinguished the late LeGrand Smith of Somerset, Michigan. They are young men and women of character, ambition, and initiative, who have already learned well the value of hard work, discipline, and commitment.

These exceptional students have consistently displayed their dedication, intelligence, and concern throughout their high school experience. They are people who stand out among their peers due to their many achievements and the disciplined manner in which they meet challenges. While they have already accomplished a great deal, these young people possess unlimited potential, for they have learned the keys to success in any endeavor. I am proud to join with their many admirers in extending our highest praise and congratulations to the finalists of the 2001 LeGrand Smith Congressional Scholarship Program.

SPEECH BY AHMET ERTEGUN

HON. ROBERT WEXLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 12, 2001

Mr. WEXLER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to place in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the following speech given by Ahmet Ertegun, Chief Executive Officer of Atlantic Records, on May 18, 2001, after receiving the Prestigious Federation of Turkish American Associations (FTAA) Cultural Lifetime Achievement award during the FTAA's Turkish Cultural Week.

As co-founder of the House Caucus on U.S.-Turkish Relations and Turkish-Americans, I believe there is no individual more deserving of the FTAA Cultural Achievement Award than Ahmet Ertegun who is a leading voice in the Turkish-American community and an extraordinary humanitarian.

It would be an understatement to say that Mr. Ertegun is the epitome of the American dream. As a successful businessman and self-starter, he co-founded one of the most successful international recording studios, Atlantic Records. Mr. Ertegun has also been deeply involved in many worthwhile philanthropic activities. Thousands of individuals in the United States and throughout the world have benefited from his commitment and involvement in charities and civic organizations.

The Turkish-American community should be extremely proud to have Mr. Ertegun as a leading spokesman to promote Turkish culture and history in the United States. He, along with the Federation of Turkish American Associations, are the heart and soul of a dynamic

Turkish-American community. Finally, I want to thank Mr. Ertegun and the FTAA for their commitment to strengthening the relationship between the United States and Turkey. Like Mr. Ertegun and the FTAA, I believe that the friendship and strategic partnership between America and Turkey are essential to both countries and will grow even more important throughout the 21st century.

Again, I join the Federation of Turkish American Associations and the Turkish-American community in celebrating Mr. Ertegun's extraordinary achievements and congratulate him on receiving the FTAA Cultural Lifetime Achievement award.

Thank you.

Your excellencies, ladies and gentlemen:

It is a great honor for me to be recognized by the Federation of Turkish American Associations.

I deem it a great honor to have been introduced by my dear friend, Arif Mardin.

Arif, as our musical director, has made the key monumental record hits that have been the highlights of Atlantic's history: "Respect" by Aretha Franklin, the Saturday Night Fever album by the Bee Gees, and "Wind Beneath My Wings" by Bette Midler just to name a few.

I was recently invited to a white-tie gala banquet in Nashville to get a music citation. This was a period when I was using crutches to walk.

As they called my name and I started to walk up to the podium to receive the award, this southern lady turned to me and said: "You must be mahty proud. This is the first time we've given this award to a foreign cripple."

But to be serious, it is wonderful to see such a large group of Turkish Americans. Each and every one of you is an important part of what has become the beginnings of a group which could have some political influence in the near future, both here in America and also in Turkey, through our family and friends.

It is most important that we, as Turkish Americans, champion the causes of freedom and justice, both here and in Turkey.

As you all must know, Turkey is now going through a terrible time because of economic mismanagement. We are all aware of the rumors and accusations in the Turkish press, of chaos and corruption, in both the public and the private sector.

But what has been the savior of Turkey has been the selfless and honest dedication of so many of its citizens, and the ever-present vigil of the Turkish Army, to protect the legacy of Mustafa Kemal Ataturk. They have been our saviors through the many difficulties since the formation of the Republic in 1923.

With the coming of the current crisis and the devaluation of the Turkish lira, President Bulent Ecevit sent for a top economist from the World Bank, Mr. Kemal Dervis, to establish reforms and to encourage economic help from our friends in America and in Europe.

He has been promised over 16 billion dollars, but with stringent conditions, which require drastic changes in the economic and political systems initiated by Ataturk at the beginning of the Republic.

Ataturk's dream was to bring his country and its people into the modern world's mainstream, and shortly before he died, he left this important message and I quote:

"I am leaving no sermon, no dogma, nor am I leaving as my legacy any commandment that is frozen in time or cast in stone."

Concepts of well-being for countries, for peoples, and for individuals are changing in time. In such a world, to argue for rules that never change would be to deny the reality found in scientific knowledge and rational judgement'.

It is my fervent hope that all of you support Mr. Kemal Dervis' mission and support President Ecevit in this critical moment. It is an important moment in Turkish history which will disengage the economic system from the political, which will bring about transparency and accountability in government, and help Turkey reach its destiny as an important member of the modern democratic world.

May the army and the Turkish people persevere in their pursuit of Ataturk's dream.

IN HONOR OF MR. DONALD
FREJOSKY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 12, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Donald R. Frejosky. During the more than 60 years that Mr. Frejosky resided in Garfield Heights, he was an exemplar of altruism, kindness, and service—not only to his own dear family, but also to the larger family of Garfield Heights as well.

Mr. Frejosky was a proud and loving husband, father, grandfather, and brother. Not only did Mr. Frejosky embody the principle of selflessness to his own family, but his example also sets a beautiful precedent for us all to achieve. Mr. Frejosky served his Cleveland community in numerous ways: he was employed as a service and parts manager for White Motor, Richfield Truck, and G&M Towing Co., and as a musical instrument repair artist for more than 35 years, at the diligent service of the Cleveland area.

Not only did Mr. Frejosky bestow upon us his service in these simple and selfless ways, but he also served as a Councilman to Ward 5 in Garfield Heights, and until his last days was serving on the Civil Service Board of the city. Mr. Frejosky worked tirelessly, even up until his last breath, to improve the quality of life for others. It is because of his beneficence, integrity, and diligence that Mr. Frejosky can never be effaced from Garfield Heights' memory, and it is also why we are honoring him today.

Garfield Heights' loss of Mr. Frejosky is not only a loss of a husband, father, and brother, but is also a loss of one of its shining examples of sincerity and service. Today, we honor Mr. Frejosky's past, and honor his indelible imprint on our present and future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHNNY ISAKSON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 12, 2001

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. Speaker, I was absent for rollcall votes 148 and 149. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on both.

INTRODUCTION OF THE THE LAW
ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS'
TRAINING ACT

HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 12, 2001

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the Law Enforcement Officers' Training Act, a bill to establish a program within the Department of Labor to provide grants for training of law enforcement officers.

Nearly every major study of police and law enforcement agencies conducted over the last forty years, from the Kerner Commission report in 1968 through the recent scandals in Los Angeles, has identified individual training as an essential element of police reform.

My proposal takes advantage of the Department of Labor's expertise in designing, implementing and administering effective programs to improve skills and to promote professional development of our workforce. While the Justice Department makes grants available to governmental entities for projects to fight crime and improve public safety, there has been a failure to focus on individual professional development as a factor in improving the delivery of law enforcement and public safety services.

My bill directs the Labor Department to focus on training and development in six specific areas: community policing, development of policing skills in a multi-cultural environment, officer survival and defense, the application of technology in law enforcement, supervision and mid-level management skills and techniques, and identification and management of officer fatigue and sleep deprivation.

These grants could be awarded to training institutions, educational institutions, and classrooms of law enforcement officers. Funds could be used for seminars, classes, workshops, conferences or other training sessions in accordance with guidelines developed by the Department of Labor.

The Law Enforcement Officers' Training Act will result in better relationships between police officers and the public, improved public safety, more efficient delivery of protective services, and enhanced sensitivity to our multi-cultural environment.

In developing this legislation I have had the opportunity to work with the leadership of the International Union of Police Associations, AFL-CIO. I sincerely appreciate their efforts on this proposal.

I urge my colleagues to join me in sponsoring this legislation which will improve the security of all of our constituents.

EDUCATION FIGHTS UNDERAGE
DRINKING

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 12, 2001

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Underage drinking and all kinds of distracted driving are in our headlines once again with various legal solu-

tions being discussed both here and in our state capitols. One organization known as The Century Council, a national non-for-profit organization, funded by America's leading distillers, has dedicated itself to fighting drunk driving and underage drinking. What remains clear is that education is a vital component of our efforts to thwart impaired driving and underage alcohol consumption.

Parents, teachers, caregivers, and the community as a whole must initiate a dialogue with young people—as early as elementary or middle school—so that positive values are formed. Teens will realize the potential consequences that result from reckless alcohol consumption and, should young people choose to drink when they are adults, they will do so responsibly and in moderation.

Our former colleague, Susan Molinari, has become Chairman of the Council, working closely with Ralph Blackman, its President and CEO. Robin Carle, former Clerk of the House of Representatives is its Government Affairs Director and Steven Naclerio, an attorney for the Bacardi companies, has worked with the Council since its inception. They all would be happy to have your help and support.

With education we stand a real chance of diminishing some of the persistent national problems caused by underage drinking.

IN HONOR OF THE CASE WESTERN
UNIVERSITY UPWARD BOUND
PROGRAM

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 12, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 35th anniversary of the Case Western Reserve University Upward Bound Program, which has been graciously serving the East Cleveland and Cleveland Public High School Districts from 1966–2001.

Throughout its 35 years, The Upward Bound pre-college program has worked assiduously to prepare and realize the full potential of low-income and first-generation college-bound high school students towards post-secondary studies geared towards professional health careers. The Upward Bound Program serves the low-income population, a sector which is all too often ignored. The Program nurtures and makes manifest the talents and capabilities of Cleveland's underprivileged youth. The year-round program imbues in our precious youngsters the skills to prepare them for successful professional health careers by readying them with a well-rounded curriculum in the humanities and sciences during their summer recesses. In addition to this, Upward Bound offers a Saturday Enrichment Program, weekly tutorials, and discussion sessions, which are all geared towards encouraging the amazing personal and spiritual qualities of our youth.

The Upward Bound Program has set an unsurpassed precedent in providing much needed, personal and individual care for our grossly underestimated low-income youth. For the past 35 years, the Program has carried the torch for unveiling and realizing the vast potential and gifts of today's low-income youth.